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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED WASTEWATER PROJECT FOR YAMPA VALLEY HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has conducted a review of the proposed drinking water project for the Yampa Valley Housing Authority in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State of Colorado procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR Part 6) and the State of Colorado NEPA-like policy (SRF Operating Agreement). The State has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, the State is exempting the project from further substantive environmental review requirements under the above stated policies.

## **Project Description:**

The proposed project consists of replacement of the sewer collection system with new sewer mains located under the drive aisle of the Fish Creek Mobile Home Park. The drive aisle and adjacent site work will be rebuilt or repaired as required after installation of the water and sewer lines. A new sewer interceptor will be installed by the City of Steamboat Springs to complete the system.

The project will be funded by a Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$613,768 at an interest rate of 0%. The project will not require an increase in lot rental rates.

The project, by design, will not increase the wastewater demand for the planning area.

## Criteria for Granting a Categorical Exclusion under 40 CFR part 6.204:

The action proposed will ensure compliance with current and future wastewater treatment standards. The following criteria condition the allowance of the categorical exclusion for the proposed action:

- 1. Minor rehabilitation of existing facilities;
- 2. Functional replacement of equipment;
- 3. Minor upgrades and expansions of existing treatment works in sewered communities (sewer extensions are not included.)

The documentation to support this decision will be on file at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division, in Denver, Colorado, and is available for public scrutiny upon request. Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to:

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